

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

The House passed H.R. 1559, Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4733-S4787

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 774-791, and S. Res. 104. (See next issue.)

Measures Passed:

Wartime Supplemental Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 125), Senate passed S. 762, making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S4838-42 (continued next issue)

Adopted:

Bayh Modified Amendment No. 474, to provide funding for grants to States for smallpox and other bioterrorism inoculation activities.

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By 65 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 122), Specter Amendment No. 515, to increase funds for protection and preparedness of high threat urban areas under the Office for Domestic Preparedness.

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By 67 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 124), Stevens (for Kohl) Amendment No. 455, to provide humanitarian food assistance in connection with U.S. activities in Iraq. (See next issue.)

Stevens Amendment No. 522, to make certain improvements to the bill. (See next issue.)

Rejected:

Boxer/Schumer Amendment No. 472, to set aside \$30,000,000 for the Department of Homeland Security for research and development and deployment of technology to protect commercial aircraft from the threat posed by man-portable air defense systems.

(By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S4761-62

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 118), McCain/Kyl Amendment No. 481, to remove unauthorized and earmarked appropriations.

Pages S4755-59, S4760-61, S4762-64 (continued next issue)

Breaux Amendment No. 494, to allocate additional funds for certain federal homeland security programs. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 119), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S4764-69, S4776-77

Byrd/Hollings Amendment No. 508, to protect the prerogatives of the Congress in the allocation of homeland security funding. (By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 120), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S4777, S4785

Hollings Amendment No. 479, to express the sense of the Senate on paying the costs of the war with Iraq. (By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S4781, S4785-86

Schumer Amendment No. 514, to increase the appropriation for the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, by \$2,330,000,000. (By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 123), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Graham (FL) Amendment No. 459, to appropriate an additional \$375,000,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Medical Care for costs of medical care for certain veterans of the current conflict in Iraq. Pages S4747-52, S4762

Ensign Amendment No. 488, to prohibit the use of funds in a manner that benefits citizens or businesses of France and Germany unless physically located in the United States.

Pages S4752-55, S4759-60, S4762

Talent Amendment No. 499, to require certain air carriers that receive funds appropriated under this

Act to accept procedures that ensure the fair and equitable resolution of labor integration issues in transactions for the combination of air carriers.

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Reid Amendment No. 440, to provide critical funding to safeguard nuclear weapons and nuclear material in the United States and around the world.

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Landrieu/Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 504, to make applicable provisions of law requiring the use of privately owned United States flag commercial vessels for the transportation of U.S. Aid and other materials.

Pages S4775–76, S4777–81 (continued next issue)

Bond Amendment No. 500, to state the sense of the Senate regarding procedures that ensure the fair and equitable resolution of labor integration issues in transactions for the combination of air carriers.

Pages S4771–75 (continued next issue)

Stevens Amendment No. 435, to increase the National Debt Ceiling of the United States.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order for the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations, with the concurrence of both Leaders, be permitted to make technical, conforming, and clarifying changes as necessary to the supplemental appropriations bill.

(See next issue.)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.R. 1559, House companion measure, the Senate proceed to its consideration, all after the enacting clause be stricken, the text of S. 762, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof; provided further that the bill then be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the Senate then insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the following Members as conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, DeWine, Brownback, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, and Landrieu; and that the passage of S. 762 be vitiated and the bill be placed back on the calendar.

(See next issue.)

Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act: Senate passed S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park.

(See next issue.)

Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate

passed S. 302, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

(See next issue.)

Frist (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 523, to correct a map reference in the bill.

(See next issue.)

Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 426, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission.

(See next issue.)

Commending University of Minnesota Ice Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 104, commending the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs for winning the 2002–2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

(See next issue.)

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Cormac J. Carney, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 7, 2003, with a vote to occur thereon.

(See next issue.)

Care Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to consideration of S. 476, to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the public disclosure of activities of exempt organizations, and to enhance the ability of low-income Americans to gain financial security by building assets, and it be considered under the following limitations: that there be 4 hours of debate equally divided, that the only amendments be a manager's amendment and a Nickles amendment; provided further that there be 30 minutes of debate on the amendments equally divided; that following the disposition of the previously-mentioned amendments, the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with no intervening action or debate; that no points of order be waived by this agreement and that following passage of the bill that it be held at the desk.

(See next issue.)

Protect Act: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 151, to prevent child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children, and agreed to House request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hatch, Grassley, Sessions, Graham (SC), Leahy, Kennedy, and Biden.

(See next issue.)

Keep Children and Families Safe Act: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House, to S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, requested a conference with the House, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gregg, Alexander, DeWine, Kennedy, and Dodd.

(See next issue.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 14, 2004.

Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office.

Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Harry A. Haines, of Montana, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Messages From the House: (See next issue.)

Measures Referred: (See next issue.)

Petitions and Memorials: (See next issue.)

Executive Reports of Committees: (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: (See next issue.)

Additional Statements: (See next issue.)

Amendments Submitted: (See next issue.)

Authority for Committees to Meet: (See next issue.)

Privilege of the Floor: (See next issue.)

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—125)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:33 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, April 7, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in the next issue of the Record.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, including the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), focusing on ensuring program access, fighting hunger and obesity, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; James D. Weill, Food Research and Action Center; Douglas J. Besharov, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Anne Curry, Food Marketing Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Jill Leppert, North Dakota State WIC Program, Bismarck, on behalf of the National WIC Association; Karen Caplan, Frieda's Inc., Los Alamitos, California, on behalf of United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association; Rod Hofstedt, Adult and Children's Alliance, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of National Child and Adult Care Food Program Forum; and Don Wambles, Alabama State Farmers Marketing Authority Montgomery, on behalf of the National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs.

APPROPRIATIONS: SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, after receiving testimony from John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Rita R. Colwell, Director, and Christine Boesz, Inspector General, both of the National Science Foundation; and Warren M. Washington, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado, on behalf of the National Science Board.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: AIR-LAUNCHED WEAPONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for Department of

Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force aviation and air-launched weapons programs, after receiving testimony from John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Vice Admiral John B. Nathman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs; Lieutenant General Michael A. Hough, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation; and Lieutenant General Ronald E. Keys, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations.

CHECK TRUNCATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Federal Reserve Board proposal to facilitate check truncation by creating a new negotiable instrument called a "substitute check," which would permit banks to truncate the original checks, to process the check information electronically, and to print and deliver substitute checks to banks and bank customers that want to continue receiving paper checks, after receiving testimony from Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., Vice Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Lindsay A. Alexander, National Institutes of Health Federal Credit Union, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Credit Union National Association, Inc.; Janell Mayo Duncan, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; and Danne Buchanan, Zions Bancorporation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, and William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and Alfred Plamann, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

HEALTH CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the issue of purchasing health care services in

a competitive environment, focusing on the impact on administrative costs, profits, risk load, remote area providers, and senior citizens, receiving testimony from Abby L. Block, Senior Advisor for Employee and Family Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Tom Carrato, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Plan Administration; Bruce E. Bradley, General Motors, Washington, D.C.; and Lois E. Quam, UnitedHealth Group Company, Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings to examine the nominations of Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Argentina, James B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, and Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia and NATO membership, receiving testimony from F. Stephen Larrabee, RAND, Arlington, Virginia; and Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Jeffrey Simon, National Defense University, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings will continue on Tuesday, April 8.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Richard D. Bennett, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Dee D. Drell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, and Allen Garber, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and Raul David Bejarano, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 64 public bills, H.R. 1580–1643; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 136–137, and H. Res. 173–178 were introduced.

(See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors:

(See next issue.)

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 760, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion (H. Rept. 108–58).

(See next issue.)

Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 by yeas-and-noes vote of 414 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 108.

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Agreed To:

Millender-McDonald amendment that makes available \$8 million of surface transportation security initiatives funding for transit security programs;

(See next issue.)

Jackson-Lee amendment that provides up to \$10 million of Immigration and Customs Enforcement funding for the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System; and

(See next issue.)

Kennedy of Minnesota that prohibits funding for reconstruction efforts in Iraq to be used to procure goods or services from any entity than includes information on a response to a Request for Proposal that indicates that the entity is organized under the laws of France, Germany, Russian Federation, or Syria.

(See next issue.)

Rejected:

Cunningham amendment that sought to strike \$1 billion funding for grants to Turkey (rejected by recorded vote of 110 yeas to 315 nays, Roll No. 105);

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DeFazio amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to be used to initiate or launch military actions except as authorized by Article I, section 8 of the constitution;

(See next issue.)

Hoekstra amendment that sought to delete the \$64 million provided to the National Service Trust of the Corporation for National and Community Service to liquidate obligations that were previously incurred;

(See next issue.)

McGovern amendment no. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of April 2 that sought to decrease Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities funding and Andean Counter-Drug Initiative funding for Colombia by \$61 million and increase funding for the Office for Domestic Preparedness by \$34 million (rejected by recorded vote of 209 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 106); and;

(See next issue.)

DeFazio amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Economic Support Fund and the allocation within that amount for Turkey by \$207 million and apply that funding to establish National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams (rejected by recorded vote of 113 yeas to 312 nays, Roll No. 107).

(See next issue.)

Point of Order Sustained Against:

Obeys amendment that sought to increase funding for homeland security programs by \$2.5 billion (agreed to sustain the ruling of the Chair as a judgment of the Committee that the amendment constituted legislation in an appropriation bill in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI by recorded vote of 217 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 104);

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Nadler amendment that sought to increase funding for port security by \$15 billion (the Chair stated that the amendment was in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI);

(See next issue.)

Wu amendment that sought to provide funding for an airline ticket voucher program (the Chair stated that the amendment was in violation of clause 2a of rule XXI);

(See next issue.)

DeFazio amendment that sought to establish an unemployment assistance program for displaced air transportation employees (the Chair stated that the amendment was in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI);

(See next issue.)

Waters amendment no. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of April 2 that sought to direct the United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank to use the influence of the United States to urge the bank to resume lending to Haiti (the Chair stated that the amendment was in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI);

(See next issue.)

Waters amendment no. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of April 2 that sought to make available funding for urban and rural development and renewal projects (the Chair stated that the amendment was in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI); and

(See next issue.)

Waters amendment no. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of April 2 that sought to prohibit senior government officials from participating in contract negotiations or procurement of good or services from companies where they had served as a member of the board of directors or senior management official in the preceding four year period (the Chair stated that the amendment was in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI).

(See next issue.)

Withdrawn:

Kucinich en bloc amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce funding for the Operation Iraqi Freedom Response Fund;

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Hoeffel amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for peace-keeping; (See next issue.)

Tauscher amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to expand the use of cooperative threat reduction funds; (See next issue.)

Flake amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce funding for expenses related to aviation security; (See next issue.)

Jackson-Lee en bloc amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide additional funding for substance abuse programs, domestic preparedness, and hazardous materials response teams; (See next issue.)

Crowley amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to limit Foreign Military Financial Aid to Pakistan; (See next issue.)

Rothman amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish flight restrictions to prohibit general aviation aircraft with a 15 mile radius of the City of New York, New York. (See next issue.)

Allen amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the No Child Left Behind Act; (See next issue.)

Nethercutt amendment no. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of April 2 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to limit funding for reconstruction efforts in Iraq by a corporation organized under the laws of France, Germany, Russian Federation, People's Republic of China or Syria; (See next issue.)

Kucinich amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funding for the procurement of goods or services without the use of competitive procedures in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation and the Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation; and (See next issue.)

Edwards amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funding to an air carrier if the carrier discontinues service to the Killeen, Texas Municipal Airport between April 4, 2003 and April 4, 2004. (See next issue.)

Agreed to H. Res. 172, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas and to 200 nays, Roll No. 103.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of April 7. (See next issue.)

Meeting Hour—Monday, April 7: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7. (See next issue.)

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 9. (See next issue.)

National Council on the Arts: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her appointment of Representative McCollum to the National Council on the Arts for the 108th Congress.

(See next issue.)

Page Board: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her appointment of Representative Kildee to the House of Representatives Page Board for the 108th Congress. (See next issue.)

Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Woolsey to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University. (See next issue.)

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2707.

Referrals: S. 380 was held at the desk.

(See next issue.)

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2717–18, H2741–42 (continued next issue). There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on State Department Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary; and Grant S. Green, Under Secretary, Management.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and on Agency for Healthcare Research Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Tom Scully, Administrator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research Quality.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Transportation Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Annette Sandberg, Acting

Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Jeffrey Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and Ellen Engleman, Administrator, National Transportation Safety Board.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

NAVAL TRANSFORMATION AND FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Department of the Navy fiscal year 2004 research and development program in support of naval transformation and future naval capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice Adm. John B. Nathman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs; and Rear Adm. Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief of Naval Research.

BUDGET REQUEST—DOD INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for Department of Defense Information Technology Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John P. Stenbit, Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence; Rear Adm. Nancy E. Brown, USN, Deputy Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems (J6) Joint Staff; Lt. Gen. Harry D. Raduege, Jr., USAF, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency; Lt. Gen. Peter Cuvillo, USA, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army; John Gilligan, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Air Force; David M. Wennergren, USN, Chief Information Officer, and Brig. Gen. John R. Thomas, USMC, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4). Chief Information Officer, Marine Corps, both with the Department of the Navy.

VIEWS FROM THE FIELD—MOBILIZED RESERVISTS PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on Views from the Field Perspectives of Mobilized Reservists. Testimony was heard from Sgt. First Class Steven Davis, U.S. Army Reserve; Master Sgt. Gary L. Beaver, Virginia Army National Guard; Petty Officer Robert Lehman, Naval Reserve; Master Sgt. Kevin R. Smith, U.S. Air Force Reserve; Master Sgt. Paul Needham, Arkansas Air National Guard; Staff Sgt. Johnathan

Stallings, North Carolina Air National Guard; and Gunnery Sgt. Nancy Jean Koehler, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

FAMILY TIME FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action H.R. 1119, Family Time Flexibility Act.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the Energy Policy Act of 2003.

FIGHTING FRAUD: IMPROVING INFORMATION SECURITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Fighting Fraud: Improving Information Security." Testimony was heard from Tim Caddigan, Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division; U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; James Farnan, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

RESTORING EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION AUTHORITY

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Toward a Logical Governing Structure: Restoring Executive Reorganization Authority." Testimony was heard from Representative DeLay; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Nancy Dorn, Deputy Director, OMB; and public witnesses.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PARITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "International Prescription Drug Parity: Are Americans Being Protected or Gouged?" Testimony was heard from William K. Hubbard, Senior Associate Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo: Key to the Crisis in the Great Lakes Region. Testimony was heard from Charles R. Snyder, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 165, amended, expressing support for a renewed effort to find a peaceful, just, and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem; H.R. 854, amended, Belarus Democracy Act of 2003; H. Res. 154, amended, commending the Prime Minister

of Great Britain for his stalwart leadership and unwavering support of the United States in the effort to disarm Saddam Hussein of weapons of mass destruction and free the Iraqi people of the scourge of brutal dictatorship; and H. Con. Res 129, expressing appreciation for the longstanding support and friendship of the people and Government of the United Kingdom.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from James Rogan, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of an adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin Demonstration project; H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; and H.R. 495, Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003.

SMALL BUSINESS EXPENSING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on Small Business Expensing: Increasing Incentives for Small Companies to Grow and Invest in their Businesses. Testimony was heard from Gregg Jenner, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Senior Advisor for Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines concluded hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lucas of Kentucky, Stenholm, Bordallo, Case, Rodriguez, Linda T. Sánchez of California, Bradley of New Hampshire, Bono, Baca, Lampson, Carson of Indiana, Gonzalez, Goodlatte, Rush, Davis of Illinois, DeGette, Weller,

LaHood, Johnson of Illinois, Kirk, Franks of Arizona, Hayes, McCollum, Pitts, Capito, Loretta Sanchez of California. Herger, Burgess, Majette, Edwards, Boozman, John, McCrery, Ross, Vitter, Rogers of Michigan, Lewis of Kentucky, King of Iowa, Kind, Kanjorski, Schakowsky, Bell and Strickland.

SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT; COLUMBIA ORBITER MEMORIAL ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 100, amended, Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; and H.R. 1297, Columbia Orbiter Memorial Act.

ENERGY TAX POLICY ACT; TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND IRS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1531, Energy Tax Policy Act of 2003; and H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act of 2003.

JOINT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE/TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Joint Military Intelligence Program/Tactical Intelligence and Related Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Iraq's violations of the Law of Armed Conflict, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Project BioShield: Contracting for the Health and Security of the American Public," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 7 through April 12, 2003

Senate Chamber

On Monday, At 3 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m.; following which, Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Cormac J. Carney, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider S. 476, CARE Act of 2003, S. 113, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and a POW Resolution, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department Energy's Office of Environmental Management and Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

April 8, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

April 8, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the fiscal year 2004 Emergency Preparedness and Response Budget Overview, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Labor, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 9, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Internal Revenue Service, 2 p.m., SD-124.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimate for fiscal year 2004 for Corporation for National and Community Service and Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimate for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 10, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 1:30 p.m., SD-116.

April 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for science and technology, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 8, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, 10:15 a.m., SR-325.

April 8, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on strategic forces and policy, to be followed by a closed session in SR-222, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 9, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the readiness of the military services to conduct current operations and execute contingency plans, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 8, to hold oversight hearings to examine the impact of proposed RESPA rule on small business and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine recent developments in Hedge Funds, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 8, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 8, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine S. 485, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 2 p.m., SD-406.

April 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold oversight hearings to examine the designation of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 8, to hold hearings to examine Enron, focusing on the Joint Committee on Taxation Report on compensation-related issues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the annual report for 2003 of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 8, to resume hearings to examine NATO enlargement, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 8, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine global energy security issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", to authorize appropriations for the Department of State, and United States international broadcasting activities, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, and Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, 3 p.m., SD-419.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Reno L. Harnish, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, 4:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 8, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the federal government's strategic human capital management and consider pending legislation on the federal workforce, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Eide, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine prosecuting Iraqi war crimes, 12 noon, SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 8, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Mammography Quality Standards Act, focusing on patient access to quality health care, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled "The Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act" and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Threat, 1:30 p.m., SD-430.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the teaching of American history and civics in the classroom, 9 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 8, to hold hearings to examine S.J.Res.1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: April 8, to hold oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Sergeant at Arms, the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 10, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on implementation of the 2002 Farm bill and 2003 Agriculture Assistance, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 8, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Special Security Events, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to continue on NIH, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Supreme Court 10 a.m., and on FTC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 9, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on AID, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Bioterrorism, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representative, 2 p.m., on GAO, 3 p.m., on CBO, 4 p.m., on GPO, 4:30 p.m., and on Library of Congress, 5:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 9, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, 10 a.m., and on FAA Personnel Costs and Management, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Science and Technology, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Coast Guard, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Passenger Rail (Panel), 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 8, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 9, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Designing a Twenty-First Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Strengthening and Improving Medicare," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up H.R. 1320, Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 8, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Promoting the American Dream of Homeownership through Down Payment Assistance," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 7, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing on "The President's Management Agenda: Rightsizing the U.S. Presence Abroad," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "ONDCP Reauthorization: The High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and CTAC," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "California's Electricity Market: Refunds and Reform," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2002," 10:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Cyber Security: The Challenges Facing Our Nation In Critical Infrastructure Protection," 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 9, full Committee, to consider immunity for William Bulger and Francis Salemme; followed by a hearing on "The SARS Threat: Is the Nation's Public Health Network Prepared for a Possible Epidemic," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 10, hearing entitled "Are We Ready for Prime Time? Assessing the State of Emergency Readiness in the Nation's Capital," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 10, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on The Balkans: Assessing the Progress and Looking to the Future, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 8, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 437, Coltsville Study Act of 2003; and H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1497, Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 10, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on CALFED's Cross-cut Budget, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, April 9, hearing on The Societal Implications of Nanotechnology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on Transportation Research and Development: Investing in the Future, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 8, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing on Litigating the Americans with Disability Act, focusing on H.R. 728, ADA Notification Act, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 9, full Committee, hearing entitled "Will We Have An Economic Recovery Without a Strong U.S. Manufacturing Base?" 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 8, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on EPA Grants Management: Persistent Problems and Proposed Solutions, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and The Aviation Programs: General Aviation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Regional economic development authority issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard's Consolidation of District Offices, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 9, Subcommittee on Benefits and the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing on the Troops to Teachers Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

April 10, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 241, Veterans Beneficiary Fairness Act of 2003; H.R. 533, Agent Orange Veterans' Disabled Children's Benefits Act of 2003; H.R. 761, Disabled Servicemembers Adapted Housing Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 850, Former Prisoners of War Special Compensation Act of 2003; H.R. 966, Disabled Veterans' Return-to-Work Act of 2003; and H.R. 1048, Disabled Veterans Adaptive Benefits Improvement Act of 2003; 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 10, Subcommittee on Health, oversight hearing on medical and prosthetic research programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

April 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA's progress in the development of the medical education program mandated by Section 3 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 8, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing to examine implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 8, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2003 tax return filing season and IRS budget for fiscal year 2004, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 9, full Committee, hearing on modernizing Medicare and integrating prescription drugs into the program, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 10, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Nation's Unemployment program and the effect of benefits on recipients' returns to work, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

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Joint Economic Committee: April 10, to hold hearings to examine Medicare's financial crisis, focusing on the long-term financial viability of the program, proposals to add a prescription drug benefit and other reforms, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, April 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will consider and vote on the nominations of Cormac J. Carney, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of Suspensions.



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